DR. G. D. NOKES: No, Sir. It applies to long service candidates.

MR. KANNAN THODATH JANARDANAN NAIR: Is it not the intention of the rule that the service that a candidate has put in must be considered when reckoning seniority?

DR. G. D. NOKES: The provision for the lower division is that within the community candidates are to be selected according to seniority

Supply of water by electricity in the Iyroor pakuthi.

7. *MR. A. K. KUMARAN VAIDYAN (*Kunnatnad* cum *Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received any application for supplying water by electricity in the Iyroor pakuthi in Parur taluk;

(*b*) if so, when; and

(*c*) whether the Electrical Department has decided to take up the work?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) In October 1939.

(*c*) The question will be taken up for consideration by the Department after studying the results of the experiments now being conducted by the Department in Kuthiathodu.

Budget allotment for the maintenance of Highways in 1114.

8. *MR. M. R. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*): Will the Government be pleased to state;

(*a*) the total allotment in the budget for the year 1114 on account of maintenance of highways;

(*b*) whether the whole amount was utilised for the maintenance of highways; and

(*c*) if not, what was done with the balance?

MR. M. S. DORASWAMI AIYANGAR (*Ag. Chief Engineer*):

(*a*) Maintenance of roads Rs. 9,42,998.
Maintenance of traces Rs. 16,545.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) The unspent balance lapsed at the end of the year.

MR. M. R. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know why the amount that was budgeted was not spent fully?

MR. M. S. DORASWAMI AIYANGAR: Practically the whole amount has been spent. There was a saving of Rs. 12,783 on the maintenance of roads and Rs. 1,211, due partly to tender deductions and partly unspent balance.

MR. M. R. NARAYANA PILLAI: May I know why an excess amount was budgeted?

MR. M. S. DORASWAMI AIYANGAR: The budget is based on existing sanctions. Some portions have been taken for maintenance. So there are savings in actual working.

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MR. M. R. NARAYANA PILLAI : May I know whether there are no principles for budgetting ?

MR. M. S. DORASWAMI AIYANGAR : There are definite principles.

Bad condition of the main roads.

9. ✻ **MR. M. R. NARAYANA PILLAI :** Will the Government be pleased to state what steps are being taken to redress the complaint on the part of the road users in the State about the very bad condition of the main roads?

MR. M. S. DORASWAMI AIYANGAR : The main roads in the State are maintained in the best way possible out of the available maintenance grant and special repairs and improvements are also being carried out as circumstances require. The statement that the roads are in very bad condition is not correct.

MR. M. R. NARAYANA PILLAI : May I know whether the statement "that the roads are in very bad condition is not correct....." is a correct one.

MR. M. S. DORASWAMI AIYANGAR : The roads are maintained in as best a manner as possible and consistent with the grant available for the maintenance.

MR. M. R. NARAYANA PILLAI : My question is, how can the honourable member say that the statement referred to by him is correct.

MR. M. S. DORASWAMI AIYANGAR : That is the opinion based on my personal inspection.

MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN : പി. ഡബ്ലിയു. ഡിപ്പാർട്ട മെൻറ് ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാരുംമറും മെയിൻറോഡിൽക്കൂടി സഞ്ചാരം നട ത്താതെ മറു റോഡുകളിൽക്കൂടിയാണു സഞ്ചരിക്കുന്നതെന്നുള്ള വിവരം മെമ്പർക്കറിയാമോ?

MR. M. S DORASWAMY AIYANGAR : I am not aware.

Gravelling the Eravankara ryots' road.

10. ✻**MR. P. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kunnattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have received any representations from the people for gravelling the Eravankara ryots' road, beginning from the 2nd mile stone of the Mavelikara-Pandalam road and meeting the Cherukunnam-Velliyar village road ; and

(*b*) if so, what action was taken on them ?

MR. M. S. DORASWAMI AIYANGAR : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Steps are being taken to declare the land as poramboke, after which the road will be taken under departmental maintenance and necessary provision for gravelling etc., made.

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